



COUNCIL POLICY C-FD07

Oil and Gas Development

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure oil and gas exploration and production occurs in Parkland County with the least possible impact on the environment and the health, safety and quality of life for the residents of the community.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County will manage co-existence between oil and gas facilities and residential and industrial development through this policy and by improving business processes and communications.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all staff and departments whose responsibilities are to help manage and monitor the impact of oil and gas facilities within Parkland County, in particular, Executive Administration, Planning and Development Services, Engineering Services, Community and Protective Services, Agriculture Services and Public Works Departments.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluating of this policy.

OBJECTIVES

- **The safety of the public is protected and ensured:** Minimize and prevent risk to the health and wellbeing of Parkland County citizens. This includes ensuring that all facilities are easy to access for emergency response and that proper Emergency Response Plans are in place.
- **The citizens of Parkland County enjoy the best possible quality of life:** Managing oil and gas facilities contributes to the social, health, economic and environmental wellbeing of Parkland County citizens.
- **Nuisance and inconvenience to Parkland County residents is managed and where possible prevented:** To minimize and prevent irritants to citizens and residents, resulting from oil and gas activities including noise, odours, dust, glare, traffic and aesthetic concerns.

- **Parkland County's environmental policies are achieved in conjunction with oil and gas development:** Promote the development of an environmentally sustainable community that functions in harmony with the natural environment. Parkland County will steward its operations, projects and services, based on its commitment to preventing pollution, continually improving its environmental performance, and meeting or exceeding applicable environmental requirements.
- **The safe development of both County infrastructure and oil and gas resource is undertaken in a manner that is in the best interests of the residents of Parkland County:** Ensure that development of infrastructure and oil and gas resources is balanced with protecting health, safety and interests of Parkland County.
- **The residents of Parkland County have a say in the decisions that affect them:** In accordance with the Energy Resources Conservation Board's Directive 56 and further outlined in this policy, Parkland County residents will be ensured that information and input opportunities continue to be made available for oil and gas facilities.
- **Parkland County carries out its legislative mandate with respect to oil and gas activity and residential and industrial development:** Parkland County is meeting all of its legislative requirements, roles and responsibilities with respect to municipal development, health and safety and oil and gas activity, as set out in its governing legislation (ie: *Municipal Government Act, Emergency Management Act, Traffic Safety Act* and *Subdivision and Development Regulations*).
- **Effective coordination and communication occurs between all parties involved in oil and gas activity and industrial and residential development:** Ensure there is a well-coordinated communication among parties involved in or affected by oil and gas activity or residential development. This includes a clear understanding of the roles, responsibilities and expectations of all stakeholder groups.

STANDARDS

This policy shall apply with the following provisions:

1. All Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) for oil and gas development must be prepared according to the requirements of the most current version of the ERCB Directive 71, to ensure that best practices and safety measures are applied, particularly near populated areas and public facilities.
2. Vehicles that have the potential to cause damage to County roads must enter into an industrial haul agreement prior to commencing a haul.
3. Parkland County, being the road authority, must ensure that approaches build off public roads are built to approved standards and are utilized in such a manner that does not endanger the safety of the public.